Misuse of funds by NGO's

†1737. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complaints of misuse of funds received from foreign countries by voluntary organizations, especially organizations run by so called minorities are being received continuously;

(b) if so, whether there is any system to examine the purpose of funds received from abroad with transparency;

(c) whether provisions made in various Acts against persons misusing such funds are proving effective;

(d) whether Government would consider cancelling the recognition of those organizations against which complaints of using the funds for other purposes is found correct and to impose ban on them if they start activities with a new name;

(e) whether such organizations are also getting amount through hawala; and

(f) if so, mechanism to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act [FCRA], 1976, administered by the Ministry of Home Affairs, regulates the acceptance and utilisation of foreign contribution by association having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme. The registration or prior permission for acceptance of foreign contribution is granted to any association under FCRA, 1976 only after due verification of its activities and the antecedents of its functionaries.

Complaints are received by the Ministry alleging misuse of foreign contribution received by the associations. Such complaints are not restricted to associations run by minorities. As and when, any complaint relating to the violation of the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 comes to the notice of the Government; appropriate action is taken under the Act. Monitoring of receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by associations is done through a scrutiny of the annual audited returns filed by the associations as well as through the inspection of accounts and records of the associations by the Monitoring Unit set up for the purpose. A facility for online submission of statutory annual returns has been introduced to facilitate better monitoring of the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution.

If any association is found involved in misutilisation/diversion of foreign contribution, action is initiated against the association. Such action include (i) placing the Association in the Prior Permission category, (ii) prohibiting it from receiving foreign contribution, (iii) prosecuting it in a court of law or (iv) freezing its bank accounts. In case of serious violations, where it is found that the contribution is being diverted for purposes other than the stated objectives of the association, the matter is referred to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a detailed investigation and prosecution, if necessary. There is no provision for cancellation of registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

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On the basis of the complaints received and inquiries made, 38 associations have been prohibited from receiving foreign contribution, 24 associations have been placed in the prior permission category and accounts of 11 associations have been frozen. A list of associations against which action has been taken for violation of various provisions of the Act, is available on MHA's website: (*http://mha.in/fore.htm*). 16 cases have also been referred to CBI for detailed investigations for FCRA violations.

(e) and (f) Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 does not cover hawala transactions.

Anti-National Activities by Pakistani Nationals visiting India

†1738. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that right from the time of opening of transit route to Rajasthan and Punjab between India and Pakistan, reports are being received almost every week regarding disappearance of people coming from Pakistan to India with Visa and they are not being traced by State Government even after their efforts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that anti-national activities are performed by such people through and with the help of local people in border and other sensitive areas; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, there are reported cases of Pak nationals overstaying as well as missing in India. However, there is no specific information regarding disappearance of people coming from Pakistan after the opening of transit route of Rajasthan and Punjab between India and Pakistan.

(b) The possibility of undesirable elements attempting to infiltrate into the country for undesirable activities and thereby posing a threat to the security of the country cannot be ruled out.

(c) Central Government have delegated powers to the State Governments under the Foreigners Act to detect and deport foreigners staying illegally in the country. Efforts have also been made to modernize the Immigration Check-posts. Foreigners who have come to adverse notice are dealt with appropriately as per laws of the country.

Establishing National marine police academy in Kerala

1739. SHRJ A. VIJYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether establishment of a National Marine Police Academy has been approved;

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